

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

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**Amendment of Part 95 of the
Commission's Rules to
Establish a Very Short Distance
Two-Way Voice Radio Service**

WT Docket 95-102

Comments to a Notice of Proposed Rule Making
(RM-8499)

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My name is Robert M. Riechel, I am a licensed G.M.R.S. (General Mobile Radio Service) user and operator. I have been using G.M.R.S. for over 8 years. My G.M.R.S. Call Sign is KAD8737.

I have serious concerns over the current NPRM RM-8499, WT-Docket 95-102, FRS (Family Radio Service) proposal.

I object to this FRS proposal, as it would impact my operations through a repeater that I use. I **STRONGLY** object to the FRS using any of the 467 Mhz G.M.R.S. spectrum for this proposed new operation. As with the current G.M.R.S. interstitial frequencies that overlap at present, the overlapping of frequencies will seriously interfere with the operation of the G.M.R.S. repeater system I use.

I highly object to the unlicensed operations of the G.M.R.S. spectrum and to this proposed FRS unlicensed operation.

I have heard several unlicensed users and person(s) who fail to identify themselves by their FCC assigned call sign.

I have been inundated with interference from unlicensed person(s) in my area during the last two years, and this has caused me a great deal of trouble. This proposal would only add to this situation.

This unlicensed FRS proposal would just bring a "CB" (Citizens Band 27 Mhz) type of unlicensed user to a spectrum that is now licensed. At least with the present G.M.R.S. licensing we can identify person(s) causing harmful interference and get it corrected or stopped.

It has been shown in the news media that the FCC is going out of the Interference business and may even have private person(s) or companies try to assist the public with interference complaints. This unlicensed radio service would only add to this problem.

The FCC staff has recently stated that they will soon reduce all enforcement action on all bands and cease enforcement on Citizens Band Radio. This new radio service (FRS) would then become an unlicensed, unenforced, and out of control type of operation.

I strongly oppose this type of unlicensed operation.

This type of radio service is uncalled for. If person(s) want to use an unlicensed, low powered means of communication, this is what the "CB" (Citizens Band 27 Mhz) spectrum is designed for.

The G.M.R.S. should retain its very small portion of the 462/467 Mhz spectrum and have primary status over any other new radio status.

There are other spectrum alternatives available for a "very short range" personal radio service.

Voice communications using inexpensive mass-produced radios with digital technology could be located in higher frequency "Part 15" bands where there would be minimal or no interference to existing users and where unlicensed operations are already permitted.

This is where FRS belongs, (Part 15), not in the G.M.R.S. spectrum (Part 95).

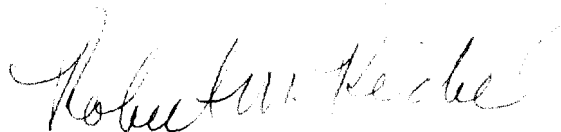
I believe that the FCC has ignored a number of vigorous complaints by individual G.M.R.S. users and their comments on the early Tandy proposal.

G.M.R.S. users documented prior FCC refusals to mix licensed and unlicensed services, and described other technical problems with the FRS request that would substantially disrupt current and future G.M.R.S. operations.

These comments were filed opposing petition RM-8489. G.M.R.S. users unanimously opposed de licensing the G.M.R.S. spectrum, including creating a new unlicensed radio service on G.M.R.S. channels.

I demand that this FRS proposal be **REJECTED**, and **NOT** be approved.

Sincerely,



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